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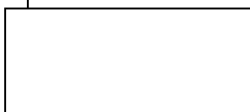
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~~Top Secret~~**CHINA: Japanese Foreign Minister Visits**

Foreign Minister Hata will discuss security and economic matters in Beijing this weekend, according to Japanese press reports. He will urge the Chinese to agree to a comprehensive nuclear test ban and to continue to press North Korea on the nuclear problem. Hata will also raise Tokyo's concerns about Beijing's military spending and arms sales, which were addressed in security talks last month. Hata will inform his hosts of changes in Tokyo's aid program for China. [redacted] Tokyo will shorten the time frame of the aid package that begins in 1996 from five to three years and will begin annual aid reviews in 1999. Beijing continues to favor longer-term aid packages. [redacted]

Comment: By making this visit despite the current political difficulties of the coalition government, Hata is showing the priority Tokyo gives to the deepening of its relations with Beijing. Tokyo has long tried to influence Beijing through frequent diplomatic contacts, massive economic assistance, and growing financial ties; and the shortening of the multiyear aid commitment is an essential part of the Hosokawa government's effort to enhance its influence with China. Some Japanese Foreign Ministry officials and politicians reportedly expect more frequent reviews to make Beijing more responsive to Tokyo's political and security concerns. [redacted]

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